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SENATOR ALLARD SECURES YUMA WATER SYSTEM FUNDING IN INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS BILL

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-Colorado), member of the Senate Interior Appropriations Subcommittee, on Thursday announced that he has secured \$100,000 in State and Tribal Assistance Grant (STAG) funding for the City of Yuma's wastewater treatment system in the FY 2006 Interior Appropriations bill.

"Yuma has been working with a wastewater treatment system that is over 80 years old," Senator Allard said. "In order to comply with federal and state regulations, the facility badly needs replacement, and this funding will help defray some of the costs for the city."

The City of Yuma's wastewater treatment facility has exceeded the parameters it was designed for, and has also had problems with leakage. Construction of the new facility is already underway.

"I will continue my efforts in the Senate to make sure that rural communities like Yuma receive the federal support that they need as they try to upgrade aging facilities, and I will be working hard to make sure that the Interior Appropriations bill will be approved by the full Senate as soon as possible," added Senator Allard.

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